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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BRIDGE WIDENING ON ROUTES 162 AND 253 BEGINS IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

Eureka – The California Department of Transportation has begun a project to widen three bridges in Mendocino County. Outlet Creek Bridge, located 0.7 miles east of Route 101 on Route 162, Anderson Creek Bridge, located 0.5 miles north of Boonville on Route 253, and Soda Creek Bridge, located 3.5 miles north of Boonville on Route 253, will have tubular bicycle railing installed for improved bicycling safety, and will be widened to match the width of the existing roadway, which will provide wider shoulders and improved safety for the traveling public.

Temporary signals are being installed at each bridge. It is anticipated that the signal at Outlet Creek Bridge will be activated April 2008, and remain active through November 2008; the signal at Anderson Creek Bridge will be activated March 27, 2008, and will remain active through February 2009; and the signal at Soda Creek Bridge will be activated June 2008, and will remain active through November 2008. One-way traffic control will be in effect 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with the temporary signals. Motorists should anticipate 5-minute delays at each bridge.

This \$3.8 million project is anticipated to take approximately 12 months. Contractor - Viking Construction Company, Incorporated of Rancho Cordova.

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